

OPTIONAL PLAN CONFORMANCE/NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

CX-NM-060-01-0063

Serial No.: NM-27008

Agave Energy Company

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Langley Loop Pipeline

Location of Proposed Action:

T. 15 S., R. 28 E., NMPM

Section 13: NW1/4NE1/4, E1/2W1/2;

Section 24: E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4;

Section 25: W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4.

Description of Proposed Action: Agave Energy Company filed a request to Amend Right-of-Way NM 27008. The amendment is for a right-of-way to construct, operate and maintain an eight-inch steel buried pipeline (loop line) paralleling their existing pipeline in Sections 13, 24, and 25 in T. 15 S., R. 28 E. Total length of the proposed loop line is 23,169 feet in length with approximately 15,150 of Federal lands and a width of 30 feet. **The loop line will be placed 10 feet from the existing pipeline, minimizing surface disturbance to an additional 15 feet of disturbed area.** Related appurtenances consist of pipeline meter stations, underground gates, block valves, and related appurtenances. Expiration of the proposed amendment will be December 5, 2005 to coincide with the expiration of the original right-of-way.

The Right-of-Way will be bladed, a trencher will trench approximately 44 inches deep to allow for 3 feet of cover. The proposed pipeline would be constructed in accordance with the Standard Stipulations for Buried Pipelines in the Roswell Field Office, BLM.

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.

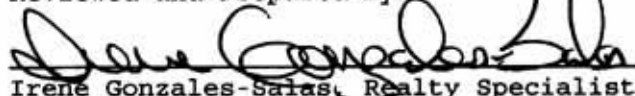
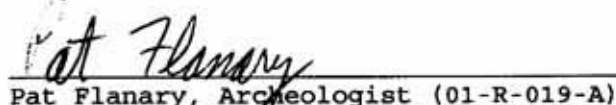
The proposed action is consistent with the approved Roswell Resource Area Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance.

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

PART II: NEPA REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E (13). The proposed action has been reviewed and determined that none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Reviewed and Prepared by:


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Date
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Date

IIP. DECISION.

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved Roswell Resource Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described for a period to coincide with that of the original right-of-way grant with an expiration date of December 5, 2005 under the authority Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30.U.S.C. 185), subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2880; rental payments as determined by 43 CFR 2803.1-2; and the attached Standard Stipulations for buried pipelines in the Roswell Field Office, BLM.

Compliance and Monitoring: The pipeline will continue to be monitored as per regulation.


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02/12/2001
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